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For: **NOVEL SEROTONIN REUPTAKE INHIBITORS**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed March 16, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring April 16, 2009, and extended until May 18, 2009 (May 16, 2009 is a Saturday and May 17, 2009 is a Sunday) by petition enclosed herewith. Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute in this application the following invention:

Group I (Claims 1-3 and 20), drawn to a serotonin reuptake inhibitor comprising a moiety with antidepressant properties and having an affinity for the serotonin reuptake transporter (SERT) and a moiety having an affinity to serotonin (5-HT) receptors that are coupled to each other and a pharmaceutical composition including same.

Applicants hereby traverse this restriction requirement and submit the following arguments in support of their position.